



# HERNDON POLICE

## SPECIAL NEWS RELEASE



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### **FRAUD WARNING: Internet Check Scam**

Some residents of the Town of Herndon have reported being the victim of fraud after items were sold using the Internet on sites such as Craigslist. The victim is contacted by a suspect posing as a legitimate buyer. The suspect then sends a check to the victim for the agreed upon price plus shipping. The victim is then asked to send a MoneyGram to a third party for the shipping costs. The victim deposits the check, and ships the item. A few days later, the victim is contacted by their bank and told the check was not valid.

**Residents are cautioned to use care if asked to deposit a check and return a portion of the money. Always wait for checks to clear before disbursing funds from your account, or shipping items.**

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